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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT UNGA

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1. DURING MY INITIAL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER KARKI, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE TO HIM USG'S STRONG HOPE THAT NEPAL WOULD OPPOSE EFFORTS TO REPLACE GKR DELEGATION BY PRO-SIHANOUK DELEGATION AT UNGA AND AT LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. I STRESSED TO KARKI THE DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD BE CREATED FOR NEPAL AND MANY OTHER OTHER COUNTRIES WERE PRINCIPLE OF RECOGNITION BY VOTE OF UNGA OF GOVERNMENT IN EXILE TO BE ACCEPTED. I ALSO NOTED THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OF CAMBODIA'S NBRDABORS OPPOSED THIS ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BGTQMBODIA.

2. KARKI RESPONDED BY INDICATING HIS UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES INVOLVED. HE INDICATED PROBLEM GON FACED IN CONTEXT OF ITS RELATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF COUNTRIES. HE WENT ON, HOWEVER, TO EXPRESS HIS AND KING BIRENDRA'S DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT WITH TACTICS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE REGRETTE HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO EXPRESS GON'S CONCERNS ABOUT RADICAL ATTITUDE AND POLICIES OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP TO
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SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING THEIR BRIEF DINNER MEETING EARLIER

IN UNGA SESSION.

3. COMMENT: BEFORE MAKING THIS DE MARCHE, WE HAD COORDINATED WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE WHICH HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH GON ON SUBJECT OF KHMER REPRESENTATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, I FILLED IN JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ON MY CONVERSATION WITH KARKI. ALTHOUGH NEPAL OPPOSED SEATING OF SIHANOUK DELEGATION AT GEORGETOWN NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, IT HAS SINCE THEN ATTEMPTED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE GON IS UNDOUBTEDLY UNHAPPY WITH PRECEDENT INVOLVED WE JUDGE ABSTENSION IS STILL ITS MOST LIKELY COURSE OF ACTION. NONETHELESS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR USUN TO REITERATE USG POSITION TO FOREIGN SECRETARY KHATRI WHO WILL BE BE IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH UNEF PROBLEMS. CARGO

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